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DECLARATION

Dear Sir/Madam:

Charles M. Schmeichel declares that he is the original and first inventor of the invention described in the above-identified Application; that he believes the original patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,906,407) is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent because the claims initially filed with the underlying application, and subsequently issued as a part of U.S. Patent No. 5,906,407 were so narrowly drawn as to inadequately define and protect his invention; so much so that new claims are necessary to adequately claim the full scope of his invention and to provide him the full scope of patent protection allowed under U.S. Patent Laws, specifically, that independent claims 1 and 8 as originally filed and ultimately allowed do not fully claim the invention for which patent protection was sought, that all errors which are being corrected in the present application up to the time of filing of the present declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant; that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that

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